AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.(Currently Amended) A method of binding a sheet of paper which includes the steps of:

feeding an end of a sheet of paper to be bound into a partially folded elongated binding having two portions angularly disposed to each other from a fold line defining a longitudinal axis;

mating the end of the sheet of paper and the binding strip, with the end of the sheet of paper located in the region between the two portions;

crimping the binding strip with the end of the sheet of paper therein; and

folding the ~~crimped~~ binding strip with the end of the sheet of paper therein.

2.(Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, which includes the step of securing the end of the sheet of paper between the two portions, by a reciprocating operation.

3.(Canceled)

4.(Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, which includes the prior step of locating the end of the sheet of paper at an edge of the binding strip between the two portions to facilitate feeding thereof into the binding strip.

5.(Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, which includes the prior step of forming the binding strip.

6.(Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, which includes the steps of:

providing a length of metal workpiece;

folding the length of metal workpiece about a fold line parallel to a longitudinal axis thereof to form the two portions to be angularly disposed to each other about the fold line.

7.(Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, which includes the further step of binding an opposed end of the sheet of paper, the opposed end being parallel to the bound end.

8.(Original) A method as claimed in claim 7, which includes, after the first end of the sheet of paper has been secured to a first binding strip, the steps of displacing the sheet of paper and the first binding strip secured thereto, in a direction parallel to the feed direction, and binding the opposed end of the sheet of paper with a second binding strip.

9.(Withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 7, which includes causing the sheet of paper to

curve.

10.(Original) A method as claimed in claim 7, which includes moving the sheet of paper transversely to the feed direction.

11.(Original) A method as claimed in claim 7, which includes securing the opposed end of the sheet of paper in the second binding strip by a reciprocating operation.

12.(Currently Amended) An apparatus for binding a sheet of paper comprising:

a feed means for feeding an end of the sheet of paper to be bound into a partially folded binding strip having a longitudinal axis, wherein the binding strip has two portions angularly disposed to each other extending from a fold line defining said longitudinal axis; and

a reciprocating securing means for securing the binding strip to the end of the sheet of paper;

wherein the feed means directs the end of the sheet of paper ~~toward~~ into a region between the two portions angularly disposed to each other of the binding strip in a direction parallel to said longitudinal axis prior to securing the binding strip to the end of the sheet of paper with the reciprocating securing means.

13.(Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 12, in which the securing means folds or crimps the binding strip.

14.(Original) An apparatus a claimed in claim 12, which includes a supply means for supplying the binding strips.

15.(Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 12, which includes forming equipment for forming the binding strips from a supply of metal.

16.(Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 12, which further includes a displacement means for displacing the sheet of paper after the binding strip has been bound thereto, in a direction parallel to the feeding direction.

17.(Canceled)

18.(Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 12, which includes a second feed means for feeding an opposed end of the sheet of paper into a further binding strip.

19.(Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 18, which includes a shortening accommodating means for accommodating shortening of the sheet of paper when binding the opposed end thereof.

20.(Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 19, in which the shortening accommodating means provides a curve in the sheet of paper.

21.(Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claims 19, in which the shortening accommodating means comprises a shifting arrangement for moving the sheet of paper transversely to the feed direction.

22.(Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, which further includes a second displacement means for displacing the sheet of paper after the opposed end thereof has been bound.

23.(Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 22, in which the second displacement means includes an ejectment mechanism.

24.(Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 23, for binding a sheet of paper which is a calendar.

25.(Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

shortening a length of the sheet of paper.

26.(New) The method of claim 1 wherein the feeding step further comprises:

moving the sheet of paper relative to the binding strip in a direction generally parallel to the longitudinal axis.